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1. The vice chairman of the Soviet Economic Advisory Group, Boldyrev*, arrived in Canton from Peiping on 23 April 1950. During his five-day visit, he made speeches to Chungshan University, Nanfang University, the Canton Military Control Commission (MCC), and the Second Conference of People's Representatives. He also inspected the Whampoa port and Huang Hua Kang (黄华康), accompanied by OU-YANG Shao-wei (欧阳少伟), secretary general of the Canton Sino-Soviet Friendship Association and chairman of the South China Joint Culture Commission; CHANG Yung-li (张永励), vice commissioner of the Finance Bureau; LO Li-shih (罗理实), chairman of the Kwangtung Public Relations Office; LIN Yun-feng (林云峰), vice chairman of the office; CH'EN Wei-shih** and LO ming***, vice presidents of Nanfang University. Before leaving Canton, Boldyrev instructed A'e-fu-li-shih-rei-ho (? Kovlishenko)****, a Soviet Customs expert, to assist the South China Customs Administration.
2. A unit known as the Soviet Motion Picture Work Group, which arrived in Canton in March 1950 and was quartered on the seventh floor of the Oikwan Hotel****, took pictures along the seacoast of eastern Kwangtung, along the Sino-British border, and along Ta Ya Wan (大亚湾). Leading members of the group are Lo-chin-ssu-chi (? Rozhinsky)****Li-chi-lieh-fu (? Lazarev)***Wo-lung-li-fu (? Vorulov)***Pao-li-ssu-fu (? Borisov)*** and Ssu-tzu-lo-fu (? Shisilov)***. The unit is equipped with modern cartographic instruments and photographic supplies. On 29 April 1950 Borisov and Shisilov took a crew of twenty to explore the seacoasts of Chungshan Hsien (113-36, 22-22). When this task was completed, they were to continue their photographic work in the upper Yellow River valley and on the border between China and Indochina.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that this man, previously reported as Batalev and Bataklin, is identical with the Soviet economic adviser Boldyrev, who has been making an extensive speaking and inspection tour in China, according to published announcements. [REDACTED]

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**** ~~Source~~ Comment. This is the Chinese phonetic rendition of a Russian name; a suggested Russian equivalent follows.

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***** ~~Source~~ Comment. Soviet advisers working in Canton and the surrounding area are being quartered in the Oikwan Hotel, which has apparently been reserved for them and for members of the Canton MCC. See also

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